

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. What about "Fahrenheit 911"? Why hasn't THAT been aired at prime time? What about all those other presidential candidates that are listed in our voter's pamphlets? I am personally so sick of hearing Bush and Kerry put each other down without having any real debate going on.

Sinclair uses the PUBLIC AIRWAVES free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the PUBLIC (that means us--the "lowly", "ignorant" majority of humanity). But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more SUBSTANTIVE news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please let us make this country a little more civilized! Peace be with you.